Jason-1 Science Data Distribution

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The Jason-1 altimetric satellite, launched December 2001, continues the work of the highly successful, on-going, TOPEX/POSEIDON satellite in mapping the global sea surface topography. These data will extend the high accuracy sea surface height data set, which is used by oceanographers, climatologists and other scientific and commercial users. The CNES AVISO, the French multi-satellite databank dedicated to space oceanography, and the NASA Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center will distribute these data to the science community. We present the following Jason-1 products and distribution methods that will be made available: near-real-time operational sensor data record (OSDR), interim geophysical data record (IGDR), geophysical data record (GDR) and higher level products, such as sea surface height anomaly products and quick-look browse images.